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MAGI# 0440812404HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION
APPLICATION—PART 1

Instructions: Applicant should read the instructions carefully before completing application. No certification may be made unless a complete application form has been received. Use typewriter or print clearly in dark ink to complete the application form. If additional space is needed to complete Part 1, use the reverse side or a separate plain sheet of paper clearly indicating the owner's name and mailing address. Part 1 of this application may be completed and sent to the appropriate State Historic Preservation Officer at anytime during the year.

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PART 1 EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

1. Name of property: N/A MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
Address of property: 617 S. Fremont Avenue
City Baltimore County N/A State MD Zip Code 21230
Name of historic district in which property is located: Ridgely's Delight

Check here if request is for:

- ☒ certification (structure contributes to significance of the district)
☐ decertification (structure does not contribute to significance of the district)
☐ easement qualification (for donation of easement on structure or land for conservation purposes).

2. Description of Physical Appearance:
(see instructions for map and photograph requirements—use reverse side if necessary)

See reverse.

3. Statement of Significance:
(use reverse side if necessary)

See reverse.

Date of construction (if known): c. 1850 ☒ Original site ☐ Moved ☐ Date of alterations (if known): _____

4. Name and Mailing Address of Owner:

Name Philip Sigel and Ralph Manus
Street 315 South Beverly Drive Suite 502
City Beverly Hills State CA Zip Code 90212
Telephone number (during day): Area Code _____

I hereby attest that the information I have provided is to the best of my knowledge, correct, and that I am owner of the property described above.

Signature [Signature] (AGENT) Date 4/10/84Social Security Number or Taxpayer Identification Number P. Sigel [REDACTED] R. Manus [REDACTED]

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The structure described above is included within the boundaries of a Registered Historic District and ☒ contributes ☐ does not contribute to the character of the district.The structure ☐ appears ☐ does not appear to meet National Register Criteria for Evaluation (36 CFR 60.6) and ☐ will likely ☐ will not be nominated to the National Register in accord with the Department of the Interior procedures (36 CFR 60).

The structure is located in a district which ☐ appears ☐ does not appear to meet National Register Criteria for Evaluation (36 CFR 60.6) and ☐ will likely ☐ will not be nominated to the National Register in accord with Department of the Interior procedures (36 CFR 60).
☐ appears ☐ does not appear to contribute to the character of said district or ☐ will likely ☐ will not be recommended for certification as substantially meeting National Register criteria.

Signature _____ Date _____
State Historic Preservation Officer

PART I #2

617 S. Fremont Avenue is a 3 story, brick end row unit. The original use was residential on the 2nd and 3rd stories and commercial on the first. The circa 1850 building has front facade that faces west. It also has a store-front on the first floor.

The roof, which appears to have been flat with a tar and paper covering has been almost completely destroyed through fire damage. The entire 2 story rear section of the building is missing.

The front facade has a metal cornice at roof level. The cornice over the first store-front is made of wood and has deteriorated. Windows on the 2nd and 3rd stories are slightly arched with a brick arch over the opening. Window sashes are missing but the sills are intact. The brick in the front facade has been painted but the paint has worn away.

The entrance to the building is on the diagonal facing south-west. Both the door and transom are missing. The store front windows, which are on the west and south walls adjacent to the door, are also missing.

In the rear of the building, there is one window in the loft area, one door on the second level, and one door on the first level. Windows on the 1st and 2nd level have been cemented in. The rear of the building shows evidence that there was an addition there.

Because of the fire damage and collapsing roof, we were unable to take second and third floor photographs. From the rear door, however, we could see that the party wall between 617 and 615 had been removed on the first floor.

An engineering report documenting this condition will be forthcoming.

PART I #3

The significance of 617 S. Fremont Avenue as a historic residence lies in the fact that it is an integral part of the Ridgely's Delight historic district. Ridgely's Delight has been certified as eligible for listing in the Federal Historic Register and has already been certified as a municipal historic district.

Originally, the area of Ridgely's Delight sprang up around a Susquehannock Indian trail. Early settlers stamped a path through the area that connected it to the colonies to the north and south.

In 1714, a survey was undertaken for a Mr. John Parrish on a tract of land named Brotherly Love. Col. Charles Ridgely resurveyed Brotherly Love in 1732 and combined it with several other tracts of land. One of the tracts was Howard's Timber Neck, which Ridgely's wife, Rachel, had received as an inheritance from her grandfather, the original patentee (1668). Fremont Avenue was a part of Howard's Timber Neck which was combined with other tracts to form Ridgely's Delight.

617 S. Fremont Avenue is very typical of the federal and Italianate style houses that characterize the neighborhood. Important architectural features of the house are its diminishing window size and the loft area. These features can be found on many of the homes in the Ridgely's district.

This house sits near the western border of the Ridgely district. From Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, the house is very visible. As this is a well-used thoroughfare, by both Baltimoreans and "out-of-towners", the location and condition of this house is important to the entire district.

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